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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Angell, A.J., House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

714 South Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Leavenworth

STATE

Kansas

66048

VICINITY OF

CODE

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NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 2, Martha Keys

COUNTY

Leavenworth

CODE

103

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William B. and Mary B. McCollum

9-15-81 info on new owner rec'd

The William R. Allen Family Trust

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**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Leavenworth County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Leavenworth

STATE

Kansas 66048

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

June 27, 1969

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kansas State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   | DATE _____  |

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The A. J. Angell house is a large two and one-half story brick structure with a basement which was constructed in the Queen Anne style. The house measures 75 feet across the east facade, 52 feet across the north and south sides and reaches a height of 46 feet while the wing attached to the west facade which served as a servants' quarters and kitchen measures 25 by 20 feet and is 36 feet high. The site slopes gently downward to the street and originally contained 7.5 acres, but two acres were confiscated for back taxes in the 1940s. The house fronts on to South Broadway, a wide boulevard lined with large houses on spacious lots.

An elevated one story wood porch extends across the main facade, which faces east. The main doorway is centered under this porch and has been emphasized by a pediment on the porch which is supported by a cluster of columns. The building has been asymmetrically massed about the entrance with emphasis given to the various wings and bays by the large individually treated dormers which break the roofline. All the windows are double-hung and have stained glass transoms. The sills have been joined by a narrow band of dressed stone while the lintels are joined by a thicker stone stringcourse. The wide cornice is supported on closely spaced single wood brackets and the hipped roof is broken by five brick chimneys. The wood shingle roof replaced composition shingles in 1975. The two walk out balconies above the cornice line on the east facade are sheltered by dormers that have been accented by decorative diagonal bracing reminiscent of the Stick style. There are other allusions to the Stick style in the treatment of the boxed cornices above the wall dormers on the north and south facades.

The west facade has been more plainly finished. Only the first story window on the south side has a stained glass transom. The windows are not connected by stringcourses but are accented by stone lintels and sills. A small one story wood porch with a shed roof projects over the entryway to the kitchen. A chimney breaks the roofline of the west wing.

The interior spaces include the entry hall, formal parlor, two informal parlors, library, kitchen, five bedrooms, upstairs sitting room, and two servants' bedrooms. The house originally contained two and one-half baths and throughout the years this has been expanded to five. The third floor, which is an open space, was never finished and may have been intended as a ballroom.

Much of the original woodwork and finishings still remain in the interior. The front entry hall and staircase have been finished in cherry and the steps have walnut treads. The wall paper in this hall which is lincrusta walton is the only original wall covering remaining in the house. There is a glazed tile fireplace with a carved wood mantle and mirror, and the flooring in this entry hall is quarter-sawn oak with walnut and maple parquetry. The formal parlor has a mahogany mantle with a matching mirror and the flooring is thin oak boards. The dining room has a built-in breakfront and wainscotting of oak and a walnut and maple parquet floor. The paneling and floor in the two informal parlors are oak, while the library has maple paneling and an oak floor. The kitchen, back hall, pantry and downstairs bath have been finished with fir. The back staircase has been made of oak. Much of the upstairs has been finished with fir woodwork and oak flooring, though one of the small bedrooms has an especially fine

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parquet floor made of walnut, maple and oak. Seven of the lighting fixtures are original but many were vandalized during a period when the house was unoccupied. The brass hardware is original for the most part, and missing pieces have been replaced with matching reproductions.

The original carriage house is still located to the northwest of the house. It has also been constructed of brick masonry and measures 30 by 50 feet and is 36 feet high. The ground floor had served as a tack room and stable but has been converted to a three car garage. There was a hayloft and a three room apartment on the second story. A recent fire in the carriage house was contained to the northwest corner of the second floor.

The recent restoration work at the house included the following: five chimneys restored to original height, exterior wood repaired and painted, original iron fence along Broadway located and reinstalled, new roof and guttering, two fireplaces reconverted to woodburning, wood floors sanded and refinished, interior woodwork and shutters restored, new interior plastering, stained glass windows repaired, all new utilities, hearths reset, etc.

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Lansing Leader, July 19, 1973.

Leavenworth Evening Standard, September 19, 1883-May 20, 1885.

Leavenworth Times, August 26, 1883.

"Obituary," Leavenworth Evening Standard, June 9, 1885.

Preliminary nomination form prepared by Dr. Mary B. McCollum



## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES      1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The A. J. Angell house is a fine example of Victorian architecture in Kansas. The house, which is complemented by its carriage house, is impressive both in its setting and in the richness and variety of materials used in its construction. The recent restoration has enhanced both the interior and exterior, making it an excellent reminder of an earlier life style.

A. J. Angell, a native of New York, came to Leavenworth in 1857 and for 13 years worked as a surveyor. In 1870 he established a lumber business that became one of the city's most successful. He was also a director of a local bank, and like many of his contemporaries he was associated with various promotional ventures, such as the effort to construct an oatmeal mill at Leavenworth.

In August, 1883, he was issued a building permit for a brick and frame structure to be built on South Broadway, between Spruce and Oak, for \$15,000. Contemporary Leavenworth newspapers have few details on specific construction projects, and the names of the architect and the builder have not yet been determined. The Leavenworth Evening Standard of May 15, 1884, mentioned several burglary attempts on South Broadway, including the A. J. Angell house, where the burglar's attempts to gain entry awakened the family and resulted in no loss. Apparently the house was completed by that time or sufficiently so to permit occupancy.

A. J. Angell died June 9, 1885. According to the Standard the Angell house was so recently completed that the grounds had not yet been landscaped. Mrs. Angell and their three daughters continued living there, and in December, 1886, she married Amos A. Fenn, a local brickmaker, builder and developer. Fenn gave up all claim to the Angell property at the time of the marriage, and upon her death in 1913 the property passed to the daughters.

The house was vacant from 1913 to 1918 and during that time was vandalized and many furnishings stolen. In 1918 one of the daughters, Anne George Angell, who had married Frank Daniel Webster, moved into the house with her family. Webster was a career Army officer and eventually became a general. He was posted to Fort Leavenworth in 1918. When the Websters moved in, the house was renovated; the fireplaces were converted to gas and the gas lighting changed to electric. The Websters purchased the interests of the other sisters in 1921 and the house remained in Webster ownership until 1975.

The current owners have restored the Angell house and it is once again one of the outstanding Victorian residences in Leavenworth.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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3. , City Building Permits, Leavenworth, 1883.
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.51 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A tract of land lying in the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East of the 6th Principal Meridian (formerly known as part of the Angell Tract), more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at an iron bolt at a point on the West line of Broadway, 88.50 feet South of the intersection of the center line of Chestnut Street produced to the West (CONT'D)

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line of Broadway; thence South using the West line of Broadway, 223.50 feet to an iron bolt; thence West at right angles with the West line of Broadway, 410 feet to an iron bolt; thence South parallel with the West line of Broadway, 106.50 feet to a limestone, at the Southwest corner of the Claypool tract; thence West at right angles with the West line of Broadway, 563.06 feet to an iron bolt on the Clayton Line between Madison Mills and S.N. Latta; thence (N. 03° 29' 27" E.) 330.61 feet to an iron bolt on the Clayton Line between Madison Mills and S.N. Latta to a point; thence East at right angles with the West line of Broadway, 952.93 feet to the place of beginning at an iron bolt on the West line of Broadway, 88.50 feet South of the intersection of the center line of Chestnut Street produced to the West line of Broadway, (and as described and shown in a Survey by Herring Surveying Company, 511 Osage, Leavenworth, Kansas, dated and revised July 7, 1975 and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds Office of Leavenworth County, Kansas, on the 5th day of August 1975, in Book S-10, at page 41.)

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Dead," Leavenworth Times, June 11, 1885.

Historical and Descriptive Review of Kansas, Volume I (Topeka, John Lethem, 1890), p. 53.

History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 437.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 25.51

UTM REFERENCES

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Cornelia Wyma, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Kansas State Historical Society

DATE April 4, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 10th and Jackson

TELEPHONE 913 296-3251

CITY OR TOWN Topeka

STATE Kansas 66612

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL    STATE    LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

DATE April 8, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

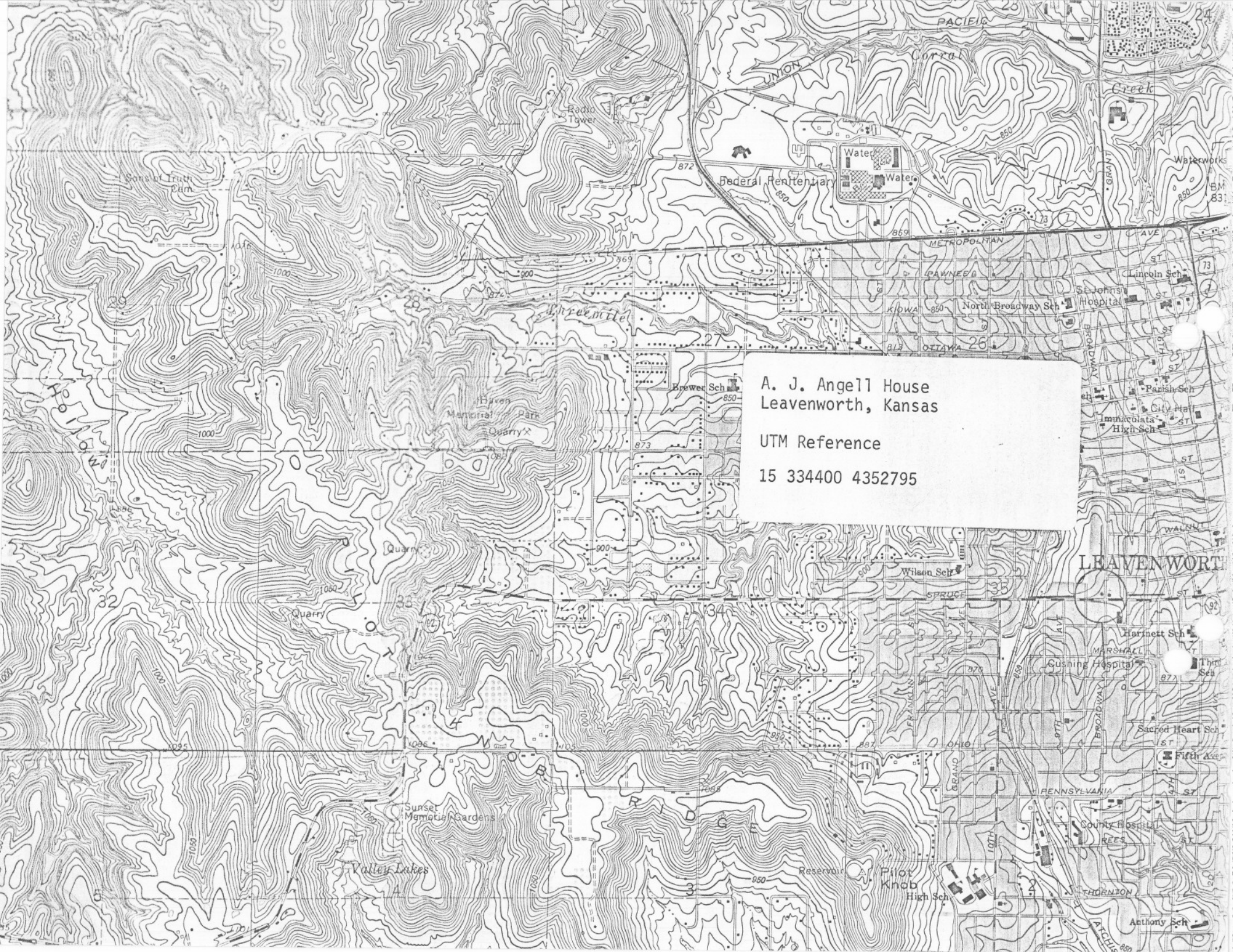
ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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A. J. Angell House  
Leavenworth, Kansas

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